

**Handloom Reservation Order**

5041. **SHRI SYED SHAHABUDDIN:**  
**SHRIMATI GEETA**  
**MUKHERJEE:**  
**PROF. UMMAREDDY**  
**VENKATESWARLU:**

Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) the present status of the Handloom Reservation Order;

(b) whether the Government propose to amend the Constitution to include the Order in the Ninth Schedule of the Constitution;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the steps taken by the Government to expedite the hearing of the writ petition against the Order, pending in the Supreme Court which was last heard in October, 1989?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI ASHOK GEHLOT): (a) at present, the Handloom Reservation Order is inoperative due to stay granted by Hon'ble Supreme Court

(b) No, Sir.

(c) The Handlooms (Reservation of Articles for Production) Act, 1985 and the orders issued thereunder are at present stayed by the Supreme Court. The case is pending for disposal in the Supreme Court. Government wants to await the judgement of the Court before taking a decision regarding inclusion of the Act in the Ninth Schedule of Constitution of India.

(d) Since the Government is constantly pursuing with the Law Ministry and through the Central Law Agency for getting an expeditious disposal of the matter. As a

result special mention was made before the learned Chief Justice of India and the matter was subsequently listed for hearing on 23rd & 24th January, 1992. However, it could not come up for hearing.

**Election in New Delhi Parliamentary Constituency**

5042. **SHRI JANGBIR SINGH:** Will the Minister of LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to hold election in New Delhi Parliamentary Constituency;

(b) if so, the time by which it is likely to be held; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI RANGARAJAN KUMARAMANGALAM): (a) to (c). The Election Commission has not so far fixed any programme for holding elections in the New Delhi Parliamentary Constituency. It is, therefore, not possible to indicate the time by which the elections will be held in that constituency.

**Sick Banks**

5043. **SHRI GIRDHARI LAL BHARGAVA:** Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether some nationalised/scheduled banks have been declared as sick units;

(b) if so, the names of such banks and the reasons therefor; and

(c) the steps taken by the Government

for improvement of their performance?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a): No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Government and Reserve Bank of India have taken a series of measures to improve the performance and profitability of the public sector banks. These include augmentation of their capital, rationalisation of service charges and interest rates structure and levy of commitment charges unutilised portion of operation limits. Banks have also been advised to take measures to control expenditure on consumption of petroleum, publicity etc., draw up action plans to improve their operational efficiency and take steps to strengthen their viability and profitability by means of effective business planning and development.

[Translation]

#### Elections in Cantonment Boards

5044. SHRI GIRDHARI LAL BHARGAVA:  
SHRI KAMLA MISHRA  
MADHUKAR:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the elections to the Cantonment Boards have been held recently;

(b) if so, the details of the results thereof;

(c) the Cantonment Boards in which elections have been conducted and the Cantonments where it is yet to be conducted;

(d) the date on which the elections are proposed to be conducted in the rest of the

Cantonments;

(e) whether the Government have received several complaints regarding irregularities and rigging during the elections;

(f) if so, the details thereof; and

(g) the action taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI SHARADPAWAR): (a) Elections to 56 out of the 62 Cantonment Boards were held on 2.2.1992.

(b): The results of the elections have been notified in the official gazette vide SRO No. 9-E dated 3.3.1992.

(c): A list of Cantonment Boards in respect of which elections were held is enclosed in the statement 'A'. Elections to Cantonment Boards of Dehradun, Fatehgarh, Ambala, Khasyol, Jammu and Badami Bagh are yet to be conducted.

(d) Elections to Cantonment Boards Dehradun and Fatehgarh on completion of their normal term are scheduled for 12.4.1992. Elections to Cantonment Boards Amaia and Khasyol will be due in July 1992 and December 1992, respectively, on expiry of the present tenures of these Boards. It has been decided not to conduct elections to Cantonment Boards of Jammu and Badami Bagh immediately, due to administrative reasons.

(e) to (g). On the basis of reports from the Polling Officers and the Returning Officer, Secunderabad Cantt, of snatching of Ballot papers and rigging in 3 Polling Stations, the president, Cantonment Board, had adjourned polling in Booth Nos. 64 and 77 in Ward No. 4 and Booth No. 90 in ward No. 5. Repolling in these 3 Polling Stations has since been peacefully conducted on 8.3. 1992.